

FOLK TALKED ABOUT.

The Blight that Has Fallen Upon the Ambition of "Little Johnny" Glover.

LIFE OF AN INFANT KING

Two Foreign Diplomats—A Rothschild at Monte Carlo—Georgia's Heavy-Weight Congressman.

Washington letter to Pittsburg Dispatch: One of the members of the house who will not be a member of the next house, and who, like a number of his kind, does not seem to be in the least interested in the subsequent proceedings, is "Little Johnny" Glover, of Missouri. The rise, career and end of Mr. Glover is almost tragic. It is certainly pathetic. Glover is a son of Samuel Glover, in his day one of the most influential democratic politicians in Missouri and who himself served several terms in congress. Consequently the son fell naturally into politics and congress. The son has all of the eloquence of the father. Perhaps he was even superior in vigor of expression. He is a little, stoop-shouldered insignificant man in personal appearance, but he has a remarkable, massive, bulldog jaw and an extraordinary frontal development of the cranium.

He was elected to congress. It cost him a good deal of money, and he is not a good financier. Here in society he met the daughter of a wealthy widow and married her. Mrs. Patton, the lady referred to, was the widow of a Californian, who had made millions in the mines. Like many of those Croesuses of the mountain streams and caverns, Mr. Patton was not a gentleman of broad culture. He and the partner of his poverty and riches partook of the nature of the rough life, and in their subsequent luxury found themselves too old to take on the fine polish of idle and polite society. A few years ago Mrs. Patton, having become a widow, removed to Washington with her seven marriageable daughters, built a magnificent residence at the terminus of Massachusetts avenue, kept open house, was emphatically "in the swim." The first marriage celebrated in that brick palace was that of the Hon. John Glover and Miss Patton. But Mrs. Patton was exceedingly ambitious to have her family allied to a higher official, as she viewed official rank, than a member of the house of representatives. Her new son-in-law was also ambitious. Their aspiration lay in the same direction. Examination of the roads leading to fame and social distinction led to a mutual decision that "Johnny" should make the canvass for the gubernatorial nomination for Missouri, and, once governor, use his power and distinction in that position to accomplish his election to the United States senate.

To have a United States senator in the family and move in the circle assured by such an alliance was the final goal of the ambitions of the family of the late Mr. Patton. Mr. Glover found himself confronted for the gubernatorial nomination by the young, rich, popular and aggressive Mayor Francis, of St. Louis. It would take money to win a victory over such an opponent, but Mrs. Patton was willing to pay to have a son-in-law a governor and senator. The canvass was fierce. Money was poured out like water. For every dollar spent by Glover, Francis flung out two. As a natural consequence when the convention was held Glover had a beggarly exhibit of less than a dozen votes. He had spent \$50,000 of his family's money and had not got a cent of the odor of the gubernatorial banquet board. Francis spent \$80,000, but his liberality paid.

What a vast gulf between success and failure! If Glover had got the nomination he might easily have marked out his ambition and that of his wealthy mother-in-law. Now he finds himself without the governorship, the senatorial chair lost forever, his career in the lower house ended, not a single hope of official preferment left, his mother-in-law, who helped to lay the foundation of his magnificent plans, called away by death, his affairs involved, a quarrel between him and his sister-in-law, which is already in the courts. It seems that the late Mrs. Patton gave Mr. Glover \$100,000 soon after the marriage of the latter. The other heirs claim that this was intended by her mother to be the entire portion of Mr. Glover, and they now sue Mr. Glover for the \$50,000 given to him to secure the governorship and work out his final ambition. This seems rather hard, as Mrs. Patton was to share in the glory of his success; but such is life. It is hard to forgive failure. But this is foreign to the story. The point is that six months ago Mr. Glover was on the high road to fame, full of hope and enthusiasm. Now he is forever extinguished, and rarely thinks enough of his future to even make his appearance on the floor of that chamber from which he will finally pass away on the 4th of March.

NO BABY KINGS TO PLAY WITH. New York Sun London cable: The only monarch in the world of whom absolutely nothing disagreeable is said is his majesty King Alfonso of Spain. He is getting on towards his third birthday, and preparations for that event are being made and written about, though it is still several months off. A great many industrious writers and correspondents continue to pour out information regarding this important baby. One full-grown scribbler declares with the utmost seriousness that the little king is modest and unassuming and gives no thought to his exalted position or his future destiny, a truly remarkable thing in a boy 30 months old. It seems, too, that his long list of names and the fact that he is officially known as the well-beloved son of the Pope, the brother of all gentlemen who wear crowns, and the cousin of Spanish grandees has not indicated him with pride. The principal misfortune of his life appears to be that he has no one to play with him. No child could be allowed to play with him unless it were old enough to understand how careful it would have to be not to infringe upon his royal dignity, and besides the queen is afraid of causing jealousy by conferring upon any great lady the honor of having her children play with the king. The hardest work to which the young monarch is subjected is that of receiving his ministers, dignitaries, state generals, grandees, and so forth, while sitting on the throne in his nurse's lap, a ceremony which necessitates his sitting still while all these things pass before him. At Wednesday's reception 2,000 great men of various kinds turned up to see the king and bow to him. One precious advantage which this royal baby has over ordinary ones and which cannot be exaggerated is that everybody who comes along and admires his curls has not the right to kiss him.

BARON ROTHSCHILD AT MONTE CARLO. Cable Letter: Your correspondent hears of many great or remarkable persons now disporting themselves at Monte Carlo. The most interesting of all is Baron Adolphe de Rothschild, a gentleman who, it appears, produced a trying effect on the nerves of the croupiers and the onlookers

generally. When our very rich man, Mr. Vanderbilt, was there he was disappointed by not playing as he should have done, but at least he put down as much as \$4 at a time, and risked all in one fell swoop, win or lose. Rothschild, however, began with \$1 on a certain color and plays doubling up until he wins, marching off happy with his five-franc profit when it comes to him. A curious fact, and one which is looked upon as an evidence of providential interference in Rothschild's favor, is that he never loses at this game of doubling, which, with the limit system, has often proven fatal to others. The baroness, his wife, a very clever and remarkably homely woman, has constantly appeared in a bilcock hat and surprised the inhabitants of Monaco by refusing to be present at a grand concert, on the ground that she had no hat suitable to wear. Some funny people made an effort to get up a subscription in the baroness' behalf, but the thing fell through.

THE HANDSOME GERMAN MINISTER. Washington Letter: The handsomest man in the diplomatic corps is the Count Arco Valley, the new German minister. He is 6 feet 3 inches tall, rather slender, and straight as an arrow. He is very fond of walking, and on the avenue everybody turns to admire him. He dresses with fashion-plate severity and style, usually in a light shade of trousers, patent-leather boots fitted neatly over a long, narrow, aristocratic foot, a blue cloth sack overcoat and high silk hat of polished radiance. In his left eye he sports a monocle, which seems to give him considerable trouble in making it hold in place. He carries a slender cane. In every respect he looks a count and is by far the finest-looking figure of a man seen on the fashionable avenues of Washington. The count has all the fondness for discipline and parade so characteristic of the Teutonic race.

THE NEW BRITISH ENVOY TO WASHINGTON.

London Court Journal: On dit that Sir Henry Drummond Wolff will be the next British minister to Washington. The appointment will be filled up coincidentally with the accession of the new president to power. Sir Henry is tired of Persia. The Persian embassy is worth \$5,000 annually. He is a very capable man, but he is tired of it. His excellency does not desire change because of the additional thousand, though the joke is going round apropos of his recent gift of the grand cross, that Sir Henry expressed a grateful hope that when any more "alphabetical honors" are conferred upon him they might be £ s. d. Having settled that Karun river question, our witty and versatile envoy feels that his reputation is safe in the capital of "The Light of the World," though the "Light" himself has from the first displayed an utterly unworthy incapacity to appreciate the stories of our prince of diplomats and courtiers. Apropos of Sir Henry's story-telling powers, there is an anecdote that during a dinner once, Lord Randolph Churchill, addressing his friend said: "Wolff, if I were asked to write your epitaph, I should write, 'He told stories, and made curries.'" "Ah," was the reply, "My lord, I could, under like circumstances, only be half as complimentary."

GEORGIA'S HEAVY-WEIGHT CONGRESSMAN.

Washington Letter: The great heavy man, with a body as big as a tobacco hog-head, is Barnes, of Georgia. He weighs more than three hundred pounds, and is the biggest man in congress by long odds, and one of the most eloquent. Heard a good story about Barnes. The other day he went with some Southern friends of his up into the loft of the war, state and navy building, where a fine view of the city and rivers is to be had. When they were up there Barnes' friends noticed him turn pale and look scared. They asked him what the matter was, and he tremblingly pointed to a placard which read: "The supporting strength of this floor is 160 lbs. per sq. ft." "Great God!" he exclaimed, "I weigh 300 pounds, and if I don't straddle out I'll go down!" And snuffing his action to the word he began to take long steps so his whole weight wouldn't come on any one square foot of the floor.

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